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**COMBINED DECLARATION FOR A PATENT APPLICATION
AND POWER OF ATTORNEY**

As the below-named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, post office address and citizenship are as stated below next to my name.

I believe I am an original, first and joint inventor of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

**PROCESS FOR THE PHYSICAL DEPOLYMERIZATION OF
GLYCOSAMINOGLYCANES AND PRODUCTS OBTAINED THEREFROM**

the specification of which:

(check one) is attached hereto.

was filed as United States Application No. 10/518,980
on December 21, 2004 and was amended _____
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was ever patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application.

I do not know and do not believe that the invention was in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to the examination of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations, § 1.56.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, § 119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below and have also identified below any foreign application for patent or inventor's certificate filed by me on the same subject having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed:

MI2002A001372
(Number)

ITALY
(Country)

21 June 2002
(Day/Month/Year filed)

Priority Claimed

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Yes No _____